

Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

May 25, 2011 - June 28, 2011

Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS Photo

May-June 2011

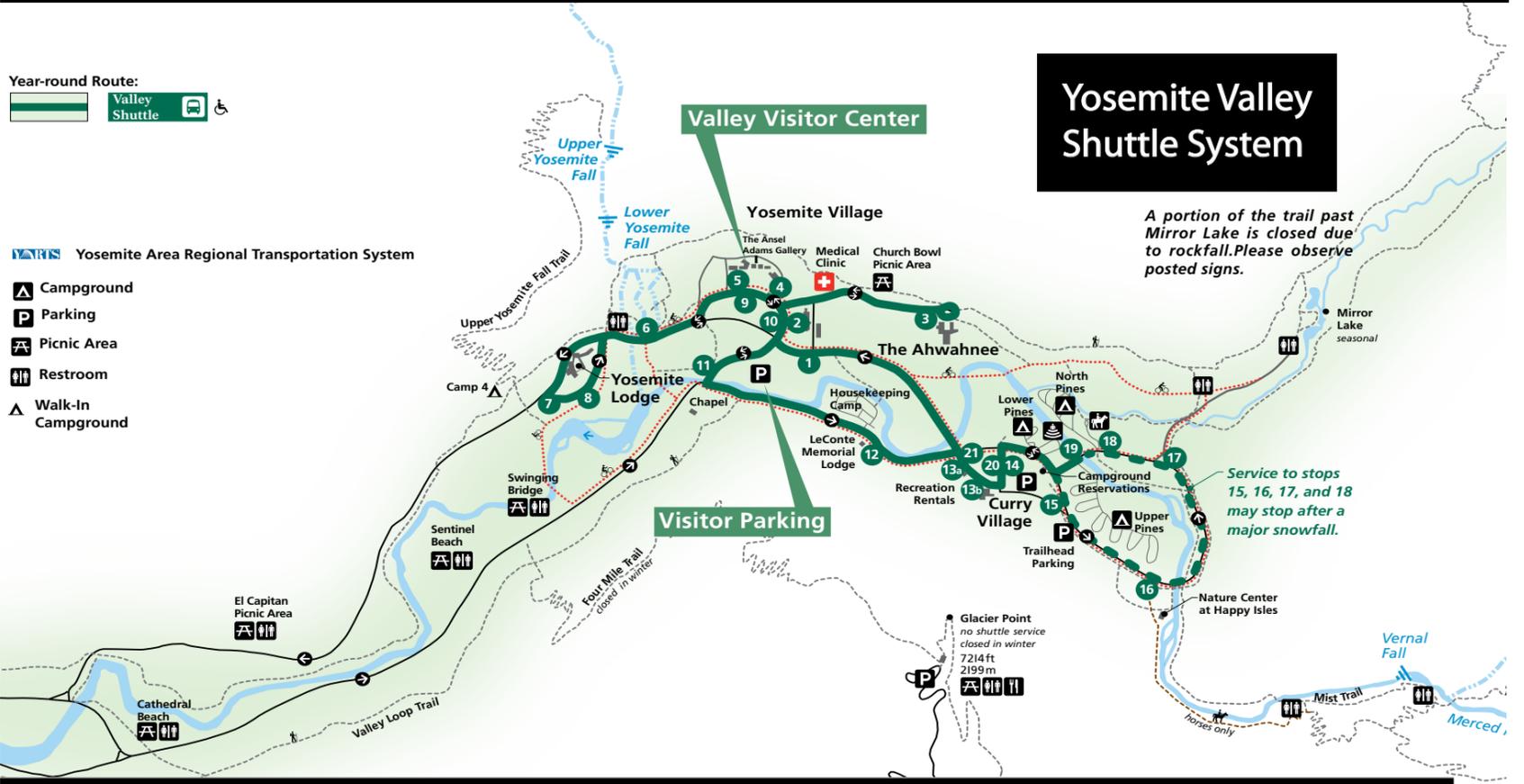


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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

A portion of the trail past Mirror Lake is closed due to rockfall. Please observe posted signs.

Service to stops 15, 16, 17, and 18 may stop after a major snowfall.

Year-round Route:
 Valley Shuttle
 Shuttle

YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

- Campground
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Walk-In Campground

Shuttles run daily every 10-20 minutes depending on the time of day. The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7:00am - 10:00pm and serves stops in numerical order. The El Capitan and Express shuttles operate from 9 am to 6 pm. Service may be affected by construction projects. Check shuttle stops for more information.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2	Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	Valley Visitor Center	13b	Curry Village		
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	Curry Village Parking		
7	Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground		

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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your early summer visit

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? While higher elevations may still show remnants of winter, Yosemite Valley and other middle and low elevation areas are generally clear of snow and perfect for hiking and biking. Keep in mind, while warming days can make the river tempting, fast currents and cold water can be dangerous. Use the information in this Guide to help you stay out of harm's way and learn more about Yosemite's busy search and rescue team.

Stay Safe!

Read the feature story on page 18, and the "Did you Know" column on page 3. Going for a hike? Ask a ranger at the Visitor Center or Wilderness Office for current weather and trail conditions, and plan accordingly. Want to know more? Yosemite's bookstores are full of good resources. Join rangers Dov Bock on May 27 or Jack Hoeflich on June 5 at the LeConte Memorial Lodge (shuttle stop #12) for an evening program on Yosemite's Search and Rescue Team.

Walk to a Waterfall

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove

Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy

"Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite... a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how



Lower Yosemite Fall, NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Early summer offers spectacular views of roaring waterfalls, great low elevation hiking, and endless opportunities for recreation. A snowy winter and long, cool spring this year means green meadows and ample wildlife and wildflower viewing opportunities. Ask at a visitor center for current weather and trail conditions.

curiously nature has repeated herself."
-Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona's Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join "Buckshot" for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite's history. Fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are

offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the "Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley" for a wild ride through

the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk. (See page 4 for tour desk locations.)

Go to the Theater

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite's history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park's rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.)

The Tioga and Glacier Point Roads will open when conditions permit. For current road and weather information, please call 209/372-0200 or look for opening dates on the web at www.nps.gov/yose
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Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 or 209/372-0645 for more information.



Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. To request an interpreter, advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather conditions

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Reservations are **NOT** required to enter Yosemite. The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

Vehicle \$20
Valid for 7 days

Individual \$10
In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

Yosemite Pass \$40
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

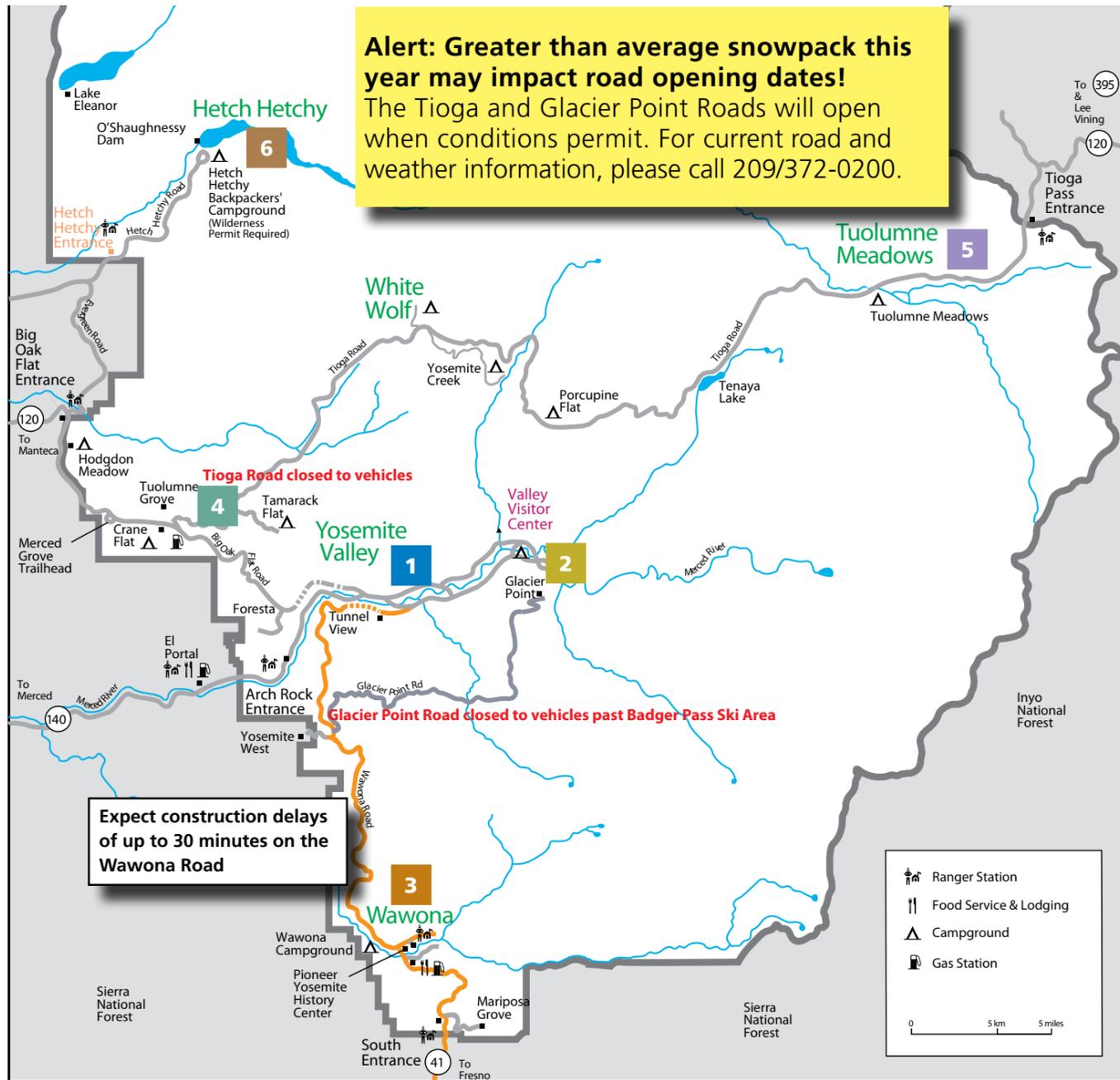
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. Glacier Point Road will open when conditions permit. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point at sunset. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays on the Wawona Road. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite's habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sun

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no fishing or swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

Did you know?

Each year, approximately 250 visitors are lost, injured, or die in the rugged environment of Yosemite National Park. Yosemite Search and Rescue (YOSAR) was established in the 1960s to respond to these emergencies with a cadre of trained professionals. Today the YOSAR team is comprised of park rangers, SAR volunteers, SAR interns and other community members. In any given week, team members may be crossing a swollen stream toward a stranded boater, rappelling from a helicopter to a severely ill or injured hiker, or extracting an unconscious person from a wrecked vehicle. The majority of the YOSAR missions (roughly 60%) involve hikers, either ones who have become lost in the wilderness or injured on the trails. Approximately ten percent of YOSAR missions involve climbing accidents. Often, these rescues attract the most attention because they are coupled with risky exposure and technical challenges. The remaining SAR incidents are as varied as the activities in Yosemite.

Want to learn more? Visit FriendsofYOSAR.org

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Vernal Fall, Photo by Bob Roney

The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world's most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

Ranger Programs

Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite's natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook's Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

(Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing

with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).

- **Half Dome**, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan's Loft

5pm to 9pm Monday through Friday, 12pm-9pm Saturday and Sunday

Degnan's Delicatessen

7am to 5pm

Village Grill

11am to 5

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10:30am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire respectfully requested for dinner.

Reservations recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm (Friday and Saturday, Grab and Go only 8:30-9:30pm)

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday – Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday – Sunday

Noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9:30pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281

Curry Village

Coffee Corner

6am to 10pm

Curry Village Bar

Noon to 10 pm

Pavilion Buffet

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

Noon to 10pm

Taqueria

11am to 5pm

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art & Education Center

9am to 4:30pm *closed for lunch*

Yosemite Bookstore

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 7:30pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beg. 5/27

Habitat Yosemite

11am to 4pm, Thurs.-Sun. DAILY 9am to 6pm

Sport Shop

10am to 5pm, 9am to 6pm beg. 5/27

Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beg. 5/27

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beg. 5/27

Nature Shop

10am to 7pm, 10am to 8pm beg. 5/27

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beg. 5/27

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beg. 5/27

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and store, 9:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to Go and What to Do

The Heart of Yosemite National Park

Summer offers special opportunities for learning and adventure. Services are open longer and additional lectures, classes, and programs are available

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 7:30pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday between noon to 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

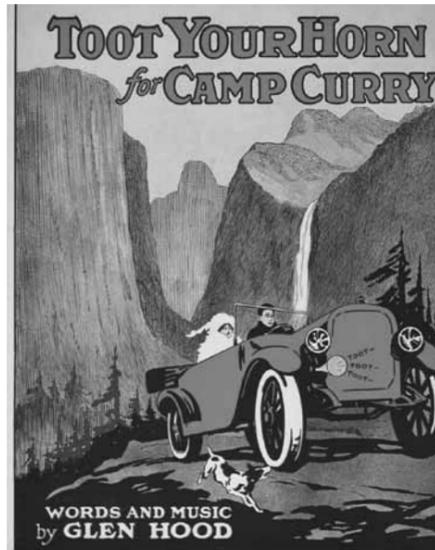
Open 9 am to 5 pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

VIEWS & VISITORS: THE YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

This summer the museum gallery exhibit focuses on the Yosemite visitor experience from 1900 to 1946, an era of great change for the park. Photographs, paintings, ephemera and historic artifacts from that era will be exhibited. Oral histories, digital slide shows and film footage will supplement the artifacts on exhibit. The exhibit will be open from June 8 to September 30, daily from 9 to 5; October 1 to 31, daily from 10 to 12 and 1 to 4. The public is invited to the opening reception on June 7 from 5 to 7 pm at the museum.



Historic sheet music from the Yosemite Museum collection.

Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch. Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Yosemite Art & Education Center

The Yosemite Art & Education Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art workshops Tuesday through Saturday (see pg. 6). Located south of the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30 am to 4 pm, exhibits only, through September 29th. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a



Bicyclists enjoy Yosemite Valley, NPS Photo

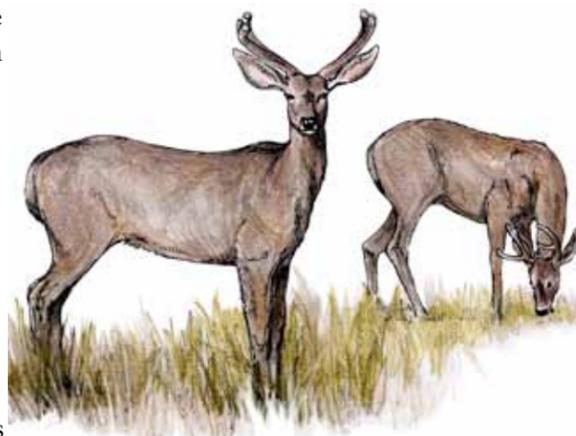
bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Yosemite Theater LIVE

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LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8:00 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children's corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.



VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

Main Office

Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

Yosemite Lodge

Post Office

Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERY, BOOKS, & GIFTS

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art & Education Center

9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm,

Yosemite Bookstore - Visitor Center

9am to 7:30pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm (May close for lunch)

Village Store Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beg. 5/27

Habitat Yosemite

11am to 4pm, Thurs.-Sun. DAILY 9am

to 6pm beg. 5/27

Sport Shop

10am to 5pm, 9am to 6pm beg. 5/27

Tour Desk - Village Store

7:30am to 3pm

The Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

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Nature Shop

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Tour Desk

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Curry Village

Mountain Shop

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Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beg. 5/27

Tour Desk

7:30am to 3pm

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beg. 5/27

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

May 25, 2011 – June 28, 2011



An NPS Interpretive Ranger engages young park visitors during a Junior Ranger Day Program.

NPS Photo

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures and Custom Adventures

The non-profit Yosemite Conservancy sponsors this year-round series of fun, educational field seminars; they're a great way to deepen your connection to our park.

June 3-5 Hawks and Owls - Learn in the field with two expert raptor biologists.

Find all the details at www.yosemiteconservancy.org, or call 209/379-2646, ext. 10. Park entry and camping are included, motel rooms have already been set aside for these courses. The Conservancy also arranges Custom Adventures for individuals, families and groups: adventures@yosemiteconservancy.org.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite

Wednesdays starting in June, 9 am to noon, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

Join Yosemite Resources Management & Science staff for a stewardship project. Help preserve and protect native habitat in Yosemite Valley and learn about the park's resources management program. Help keep Yosemite's ecosystem healthy and intact for the enjoyment of future generations! Volunteers must wear long-sleeves, long pants, and closed toe shoes. Bring water and snacks. Gloves and tools will be provided. For more information, call 209-379-1012.

Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344.

Art Workshops

The Yosemite Art & Education Center is open daily 9AM-4:30 PM (closed for lunch). Workshops are offered from 10am to 2pm Tuesday through Saturday. Register for classes in advance: 209/372-1442. Suggested Donation of \$5, supplies extra. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to work outdoors.

- May 24-28** Janice Powell Shedd, watercolor
- May 31- June 4** Roger Folk, watercolor
- June 7-11** Geri Medway, watercolor
- June 14-18** Tom Fong, watercolor
- June 21-25** Robert Dvorak, watercolor
- June 28-July 2** Margaret Mohr, watercolor

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs begin at 8pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children's corner, and a climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Valley Chapel, Sunday 9:15am, 11am, 6:30pm; Thursday 7pm; ACMNP Campground Services 9am Lower Pines; Vacation Bible School June 20-24 9am; Bible Study throughout week. For wedding & general information: Pastor Brent Moore, www.yosemitevalleychapel.org, 209/372-4831

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass: Saturday, 6 pm at Lower Pines Amphitheater; Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Wednesday & Friday, 6:30 pm, 9006 Cedar Ct. in Yosemite Village, 209/372-4729.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: 209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Lower River Amphitheater Saturday

9:45 am Music/Sabbath School, 11 am. Worship, 12:30 pm potluck. 209/586-4325

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament meetings. Sunday 1pm. Memorial Day - Labor Day. Yosemite Chapel.

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS
9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Thursday at noon at The Ahwahnee.
Reservations / information: 209/372-8459.

MORNING	
Sunday	9:00am Discovery Hike- Vernal Falls Bridge 3½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info. at any tour desk \$ (DNC)
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
Monday	8:30am Camera Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Meet at The Ahwahnee (TAAG)
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour (except May 23) 2½ hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. (DNC)
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
9:30am FAMILY CRAFT PROGRAM 2 hrs. Yosemite Arts & Education Center (YAEC)	
Tuesday	8:30am Camera Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
	9:30am Adventure Hike - Vernal & Nevada Falls (except May 24) 6 hrs. Yosemite Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. \$ (DNC)
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. For more information see Page 6. \$5 (YAEC)
Wednesday	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour (except May 25) 2½ hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info. at any tour desk \$ (DNC)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. For more information see Page 6. \$5 (YAEC)
Thursday	8:30am Camera Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)
	9:00am Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge (except May 26) 3½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. \$ (DNC)
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! (starts June 2) 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater, shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC)
	9:00am HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY!) (Starting June 1) 1-3 hrs. Vegetation restoration field work for volunteers. Wear closed toe shoes and long pants; bring water and snacks. Meet at the Valley Visitor Center. (NPS)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. For more information see Page 6. \$5 (YAEC)	
Friday	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! (starts June 3) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
	9:30am Adventure Hike - Yosemite Falls (except May 27) 6 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Stage. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. (DNC)
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. For more information see Page 6. \$5 (YAEC)
Saturday	8:30am Camera Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour (except May 28) 2½ hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. \$ (DNC)
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC)
	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. For more information see Page 6. \$5 (YAEC)
	10:30am BUGS & BEEPS. PART II: WHAT SORTS OF BUGS LIVE IN THE MERCED RIVER (June 11 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Sign up in advance (SC)

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for **CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

- DNC** DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc. Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/379-1035 or 209/372-0296 to request an interpreter. Advance notice is requested.
- YA** Yosemite Association
- YAEC** Yosemite Art & Education Center
- YMS** Yosemite Mountaineering School
- \$** Programs offered for a fee Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Yosemite’s Legacy 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm The Story Within The Stone 2½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater, free (DNC) ♿</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll (starts June 12) 1 hr, The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (starts June 5) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Buffalo Soldier” performed by Shelton Johnson. (Except June 26) Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program, LeConte Memorial Lodge (shuttle stop #12) Janet Wood “MYSTERIOUS MOONS” (May 29 only) 1hr. (SC) Jack Hoeflich “YNP Search & Rescue” (June 5 only) 1 hr. (SC) Michael Bryant & Robin Pliskin “Nature of Music: Evening of Musical Celebration” (June 12 only) 1 hr. (SC) Lee Terkelsen “ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL” (June 19 only) 1hr. (SC) Alison Colwell “Observing the Plants of Yosemite’s Unusual Habitats” (June 26 only) 1hr. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (starts June 12) 1-1 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ &</p>
Monday	<p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike- Columbia Rock (Except May 23) 3½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Stage. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm “In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams” Class 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at the Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Yosemite’s First People 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr, Lower River Amphitheater, shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) free</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hour The Ahwahnee back lawn (YC)</p> <p>6:00pm FAMILY STROLL (starts June 6) 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Vintage Songs of Yosemite” performed by Tom Bopp. (Except May 26) Starts June 6. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except May 30 and June 27) 1-1 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Tuesday	<p>12:00pm Yosemite Forum Lecture The Ahwiyah Point Rock Fall and Seismic Monitoring in Yosemite National Park. (June 14 only) Valerie Zimmer, graduate student at UC Berkeley. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE (except May 31 and June 7/excepto el 31 del Mayo y 7 del Junio) 2 hrs, informal learning activities in English & Spanish for kids & adults, along the Lower Yosemite Fall Trail/ 2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite (DNC) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Rivers and Waterfalls 1 ½ hrs. Shuttle Stop #6 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm “Using your Digital Camera” Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$\$ (TAAG)</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll (starts June 7) 1 hr, The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except June 7) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “The Making of Yosemite Nature Notes” presented by filmmaker Steven Bumgardner. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (starts June 14) 1-1½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Wednesday	<p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike- Vernal Falls Bridge (Except May 25) 3½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Trees 1 ½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr, The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except June 8) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (starts June 1) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Conversations with a Tramp” performed by Lee Stetson. (Except June 1) Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Thursday	<p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE (except May 26 and June 2) 2 hrs, informal learning activities in English & Spanish for kids & adults, along the Lower Yosemite Fall Trail/ 2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite (DNC) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm The Story Within The Stone (Except May 26) 2½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm “In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams” Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$\$.</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) &</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (starts June 2) 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll (starts June 2) 1 hr, The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (starts June 2) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm FAMILY STROLL (starts June 9) 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Spirit of John Muir” performed by Lee Stetson. (Except June 2 and 16) Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program, LeConte Memorial Lodge (shuttle stop #12) Scot Miller “John Muir’s First Summer in the Sierra” (June 2 only) 1 hr. (SC) Jack Turner “Landscapes on Glass: The Work of Ansel F. Hall: YNP Ranger” (June 9 only) 1 hr. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Friday	<p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Wild About Wildlife 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (starts June 2) 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater, free (DNC) ♿</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll (except June 3) 1 hr, The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except June 3) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm FAMILY STROLL (starts June 17) 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey” Followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program, LeConte Memorial Lodge (shuttle stop #12) Dov Bock “YNP Preventative Search & Rescue” (May 27 only) 1hr. (SC) Ben Cunningham-Summerfield “AMERICAN INDIAN STORYTELLING & FLUTE” (June 3 only) 1 hr. (SC) Michael Schweickert & Michelle Leubke “BUGS & BEEPS. PART I: SCIENCE OF CREEKS & WATERWAYS IN YOSEMITE” (June 10 only) 1 hr. (SC) John Peterson & James Downs “Nature & Spirit: Poetry of Yosemite” (June 17 only) 1 hr. (SC) Dr. Tyler Nordgren “EXPERIENCING ASTRONOMY IN YOSEMITE” (June 24 only) 1hr. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Wilderness Wanderings - Conditions and Updates for Hiking in Yosemite’s Wilderness. 1hr Curry Village Amphitheatre (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Film: Ansel Adams 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except June 3) 1-1 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Saturday	<p>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike – Four Mile Trail to Union Point (Except May 28) 3½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Stage. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Geology 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm “Using your Digital Camera” Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$\$.</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Tour 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater, free (DNC) ♿</p> <p>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll (starts June 4) 1 hr, The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except June 4) 45 min, stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey” Followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program, LeConte Memorial Lodge (shuttle stop #12) Harold Wood “John Muir & The Animal Kingdom” (May 28 only) 1hr. (SC) Shan Sutton “Muir, Yosemite & the John Muir Papers” (June 4 only) 1hr. (SC) Dr. Barbara Mossberg “Tree-Mendous! Tribute to the poetry & music of Yosemite Trees” (June 11 only) 1 hr. (SC) Lee Terkelsen “HIKE FROM SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK TO MT. WHITNEY” (June 18 only) 1hr. (SC) Dave Bengston “CLIMBING YOSEMITE WALLS” (June 25 only) 1hr. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/AAC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except June 4) 1-1 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>

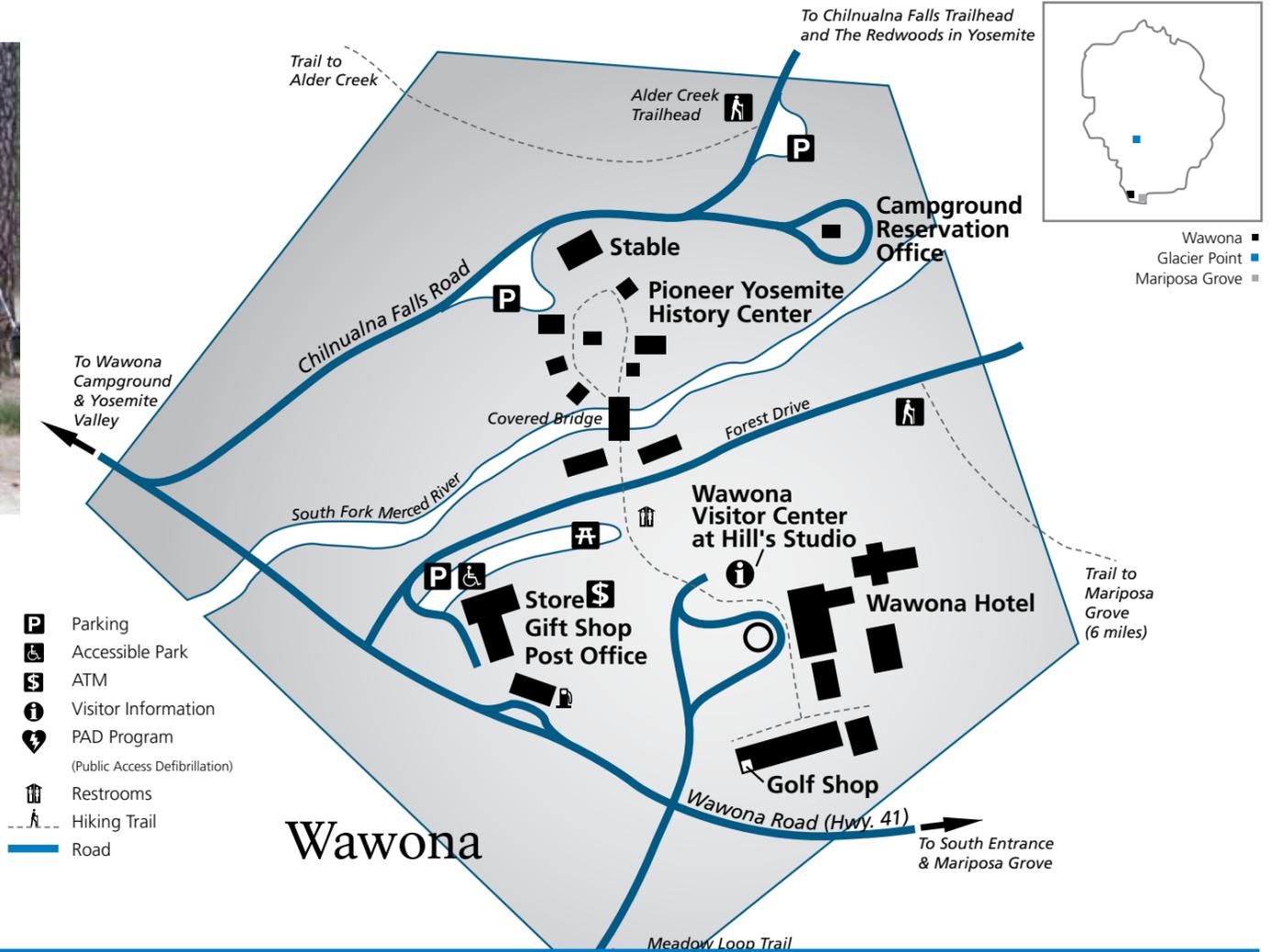
Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Horse-drawn stage ride. NPS photo by Susan Michael

Explore History Discover Giant Trees Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer unique opportunities to visit historic and natural landmarks.



Wawona & the Mariposa Grove

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. 209/375-9531.

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or get other questions answered. See page 9 for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs

Join a ranger around a campfire for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9, at right, for dates, times, and locations.

Evening Programs at the Wawona Hotel

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from

Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite, or on the history of Wawona, with slide or music accompaniment.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The history center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

Live Demonstrations

See page 9 for dates and times.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$4/ adults and \$3/child (ages 3-12).

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the

park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 large mature sequoias. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for people with disabilities is available at the tram boarding area.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1 ¼ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The road may close due to limited parking, so use the free shuttle.

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour. *Please use this free shuttle service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.*

Mariposa Grove Ranger Walks

Rangers lead walks among the giant sequoias, explaining their natural history and historical importance. (See page 9 for schedule.)

Big Trees Tram Tour

A 1 ¼-hr. tram tour of the grove is

available 9 am to 5 pm. This audio tour is available in five languages and for the visually impaired. Call 209/375-1621 or stop at a tour desk for more information.

Mariposa Grove Museum & Trails

Open 10 am to 4 pm daily. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias, and a small bookstore.

The trail to the Grizzly Giant has interpretive signs that provide a self-guiding tour. Translations are available in Spanish, German, French and Japanese.

Dogs or bikes are not allowed on trails and roads in the Mariposa Grove.

Shuttle Service to Yosemite Valley

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN WAWONA AND YOSEMITE VALLEY

The bus departs daily from the Wawona Hotel at 8:30 am and from the Wawona Store at 8:35 am. The return trip departs from Yosemite Lodge at 3:30 pm.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Mule or horse rides begin at the Wawona Stable (see map above). Open 7 am to 5 pm daily beginning June 11, conditions permitting. 209/375-6502.



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

9am to 5pm when golf course is open

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

9am to 5pm (opens May 27, conditions permitting)

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm, beg.5/27

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm, beg.5/27

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio (Information and Books)

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 6pm, (opens May 27, conditions permitting)

Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 5pm, 9am to 6pm beg.5/27

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Station

8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

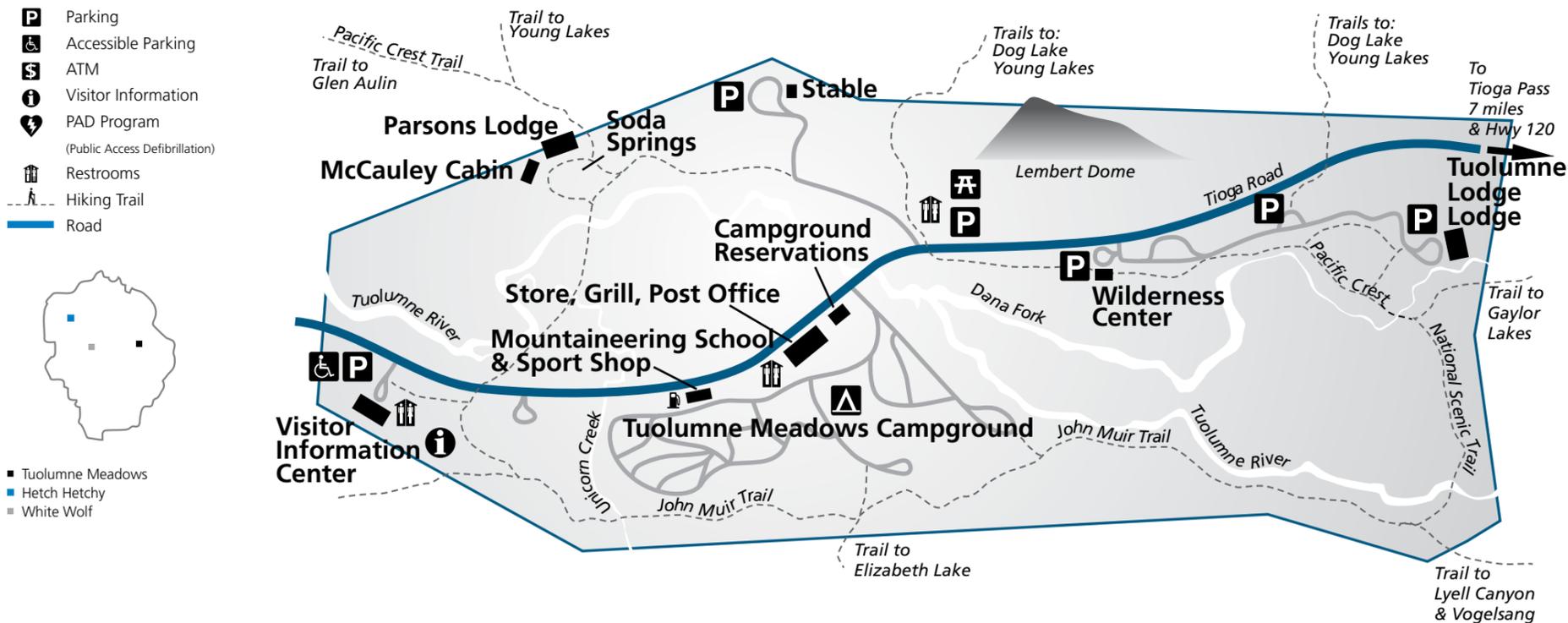
Wawona Hotel Golf Course

9am to 5pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (May 29, June 19 & 26 only) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 12, 19 & 26 only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Wawona History Stroll (June 19 & 26 only) 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs, live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 12, 19 & 26 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>11:00am Hike to the Hidden Illioullette Fall 3½ hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) ♿</p>
Monday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (June 13, 20 & 27 only) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 13, 20 & 27 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (May 30 only) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs, live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 13, 20 & June 27 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (starts June 13) 1-1 1/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. Snowshoes provided if needed. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) ♿</p>
Tuesday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (June 14, 21 & 28 only) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 14, 21 & 28 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 14, 21 & 28 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs, live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:30pm Evening Ranger Program (June 14, 21 & 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite office on Chilnualna Falls Road. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 14, 21 & June 28 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. Snowshoes provided if needed. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm Full Moon Hike to Sentinel Dome (June 14 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except June 14) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) ♿</p>
Wednesday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (June 15 & 22 only) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:30am Wawona History Stroll (June 15 & 22 only) 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 15 & 22 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (June 15 & 22 only) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 8, 15 & 22 only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 15 & 22 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 15 & 22 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (starts June 1) 4 ½ hrs, tickets info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Thursday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (June 16 & 23 only) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 16 & 23 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (June 16 & June 23 only) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 9, 16 & 23 only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 16 & 23 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 16 & 23 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (starts June 2) 4 ½ hrs, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
Friday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (June 17 & 24 only) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 17 & 24 only) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (June 17 & 24 only) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 10, 17 & 24 only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs, live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 17 & 24 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. Snowshoes provided if needed. (NPS)</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except June 10) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS) ♿</p>
Saturday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm Nature Walk with a Ranger (June 18 & 25 only) 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite office on Chilnualna Falls Road. (NPS)</p> <p>9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (June 25 only) 1 ½ hrs. Wawona Campground Amphitheater Especially for kids 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except June 4 & 11) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 11, 18 & 25 only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians (June 25 only) 1 hr. Meet at Mountaineer's Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs, live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger (June 18 & 25 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except June 11) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast (NPS) ♿</p>

Programs in **CAPS & COLOR** are for **CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES**

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Opening date dependent on conditions.
Once open for the season, hours are 9 am to 6 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays available. 209/372-0263

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and ¼-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge may be open from 10 am to 4 pm beginning in late June. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center will open once the Tioga Road opens for the season. For updated opening

information and hours, please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm>.

The wilderness center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3. The wilderness center offers maps, wilderness permits, bear canister rental, and guidebooks.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7–12), and Campfire for Kids. **Check local postings for program schedule possibly beginning late June.**

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy. On Friday, you can end your day with a Music Walk. This easy stroll will inspire and delight. **Check local**

postings for program schedule possibly beginning late June.
Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program (bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly). **Check local postings for program schedule possibly beginning late June.**

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7 am to 5 pm once open for the season. Information: 209/372-8427.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books, and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister

rentals, and backpacking information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trail is marked by a sign and post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. The path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Photo: High country view. Photo by Calvin Liu

***Facilities in and around Tuolumne Meadows are tentatively scheduled to open in June. Openings will occur as conditions permit.**

Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Grill
8am to 5pm*
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 9am*
Dinner: 5:45pm to 8pm*
Meals are served family style, and reservations are strongly recommended.
Call 209/372-8413

White Wolf

White Wolf Lodge
Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am*
Take-out Lunch: noon to 2pm*
Dinner: 6pm to 8pm*
Reservations recommended.
Call 209/372-8416.

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Store
8am to 5pm*

Crane Flat

Store
9am to 5pm, 9am to 7pm beg. 5/27

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
9am to 4pm*
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 6pm*
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 5pm*
Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
8am to 4:30pm daily, closed for lunch.*

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows

Post Office
Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm*
Saturday: 9am to 1pm*

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows

Gas and propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat

9am to 5pm
9am to 7pm beginning May 27
Diesel & propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

See map, page 10. Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>2:00pm Giant Sequoias 2 hrs. Meet a ranger in the Tuolumne Grove for answers to your questions (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Campfire Program (Except May 29)1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Campground</p>
Monday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>9:30am Ranger Hike – Hetch Hetchy (except June 27) 2 hrs. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Campground (check at kiosk for location) (NPS)</p>
Tuesday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>7:00pm Twilight Stroll 1.5hrs. Hodgdon Meadow Group Campground (NPS)</p> <p>9:00pm Starry, Starry Night (except June 7) 1.5 hrs. Crane Flat area. Limited to 30 people. Sign-up required; Call 209/379-1899 (NPS)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>8:00am Birding with a Ranger (June 22 only) 1hrs. Hodgdon Meadow Campground kiosk. Binoculars available (NPS)</p> <p>9:00am JUNIOR RANGERS (June 22 only) 1.5 hrs. Hodgdon Meadow Group Campground (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm History & the Big Trees (except June 8) 1.5 hrs. Meet a ranger in the Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias for answers to your questions (NPS)</p>
Thursday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>1:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except June 9) 15 min. Short talk on a park topic. Big Oak Flat Information Station (NPS)</p>
Friday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>2:00pm Giant Sequoias (except June 24) 2 hrs. Meet a ranger in the Tuolumne Grove for answers to your questions (NPS)</p>
Saturday	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are designed especially for CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES</p> </div>	<p>Programs may begin late June depending upon opening date.</p> <p>Check local postings for program schedule.</p>	<p>9:30am Ranger Hike – Hetch Hetchy 2 hrs. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS)</p> <p>1:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk on a park topic. Big Oak Flat Information Station (NPS)</p>

Become a Junior Ranger

Ages 3 and up can earn a badge by exploring the park

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

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Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

Write the name of the trail you walked. _____

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the *Junior Ranger* or *Little Cub Handbooks*, which can be purchased at any park bookstore.

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite's wildlife.

Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that's the typical daily diet of most bears. It's a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can't, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become

comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers:

Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are

unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!

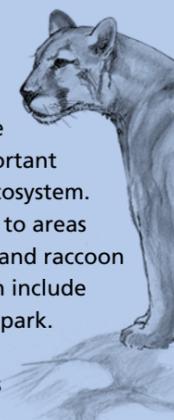
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite's many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

How to Store Food

"Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.



Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are now required seven days per week when the cables are up. Due to the heavy snowpack, the cables will not go up on May 27th. The exact date in June will be determined by the conditions. The cables will remain in place until Oct. 10th conditions permitting. This is an interim measure to increase safety along the cables while the park develops a long-term plan to manage use on the Half Dome Trail. Permits for May and June will become available on March 1; July, on April 1; August, on May 1, September, on June 1; and October on July 1. Permits are not available in the park or on a first-come, first-served basis. You may obtain a permit to hike Half Dome by visiting www.recreation.gov or by calling 877/444-6777. Up to four permits will be available per web session or phone call. Each permit has a service fee of \$1.50. Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit. Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.

More information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Around Ice and Water

- Stay off of frozen lakes, rivers and streams and away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards.
- Never swim or wade upstream from the brink of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is prohibited in Emerald Pool (above Vernal Fall) and in the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

Avoid Hypothermia

Spring temperatures can drop into dangerous territory with little warning, and require a high degree of preparation and training. Be prepared to shelter overnight even when out just for the day. Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.

Avoid the combination of wetness, wind, and cold. Know symptoms of hypothermia. Carry emergency fire-starting materials and food. Avoid dehydration; carry and drink plenty of water and carry emergency high-energy food.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out

any toilet paper.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite's roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park's scenery and wildlife.

Effects of Altitude

Altitude sickness may develop in otherwise healthy and fit people who are exposed to rapid increases in altitude. It can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet (Yosemite Valley's elevation is 4,000 feet). Should altitude sickness develop, descend to a lower elevation.

Hiking, Backpacking, Backcountry Snow Travel, and Rock Climbing

While a trail may start out snow free be prepared for patches of snow or for the snow to become continuous. Summer trails are not marked for winter use. Hikers may lose the trail when crossing a stretch of snow and subsequently become disoriented while searching for the trail. Stay oriented by using landmarks and a map.

- Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
- Check weather forecasts. Snow can occur with little warning, and can make route finding very difficult.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter

even when out just for the day.

- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
- With the heavy winter, be prepared for full or partial snow cover late into the spring. Good navigation skills are necessary.
- During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

Wilderness Permit Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Self registration permits are available at the Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Station until the Tioga Road opens for the season. Call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of at opening and the day before starting at 11am.

Top left: Half Dome cables. NPS Photo by Mark Fincher

... and Yosemite

Protecting park resources, bicycling, and pets in the park



NPS Photo

Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite's natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Swimming

Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.

- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in

the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Fahrenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the

Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 9 am to 6 pm (8:30 am to 8 pm beginning June 18). Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.



Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/playourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.



Upper Yosemite Fall in springtime. NPS Photo

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite's changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well below freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F.

Camping

Planning your camping experience



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

A primitive overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through October for campsites in Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

of the opening period.

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

- 7 am to 7 pm Pacific time (November through February)
- 7 am to 9 pm Pacific time (March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are

not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2010 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15 - Nov 30	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	March 24 – Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	March 26 – Oct 12	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	June 20 – Sep 28	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July 1 – TBD	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 10 – Oct 13	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	July 1 – Oct 12	35 ft	27 ft	50%	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	July – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	July – Sep 13	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July – TBD	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	July 1 – Sep 27	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

Hiking

Discover an easy stroll or a challenging hike



Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake/ Mirror Meadow (a seasonal lake) Loop trail past Mirror Lake closed due to rockfall	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome Permit required to hike to the top of Half Dome	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10-12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Chilnualna Falls Trail	Parking 2 mi. up Chilnualna Falls Rd.	8.2 miles round-trip, 5 hours	Strenuous 2,400-foot gain
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus. Additionally, the Tuolumne Meadows free shuttle serves all Tuolumne Meadows hikes listed above.

Self-Guiding Trails

A Changing Yosemite

This one-mile-long walk through Cook's Meadow explores both natural and cultural stories of Yosemite. Brochure available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Giant Sequoias

Two self-guiding trails in the Mariposa Grove, and one in the Tuolumne Grove, interpret the natural history and ecological dynamics of the giant sequoia community.

Mirror Lake

Mirror Lake interpretive trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk one mile from shuttle stop #17 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

Indian Village

This short loop winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum.

Curry Village

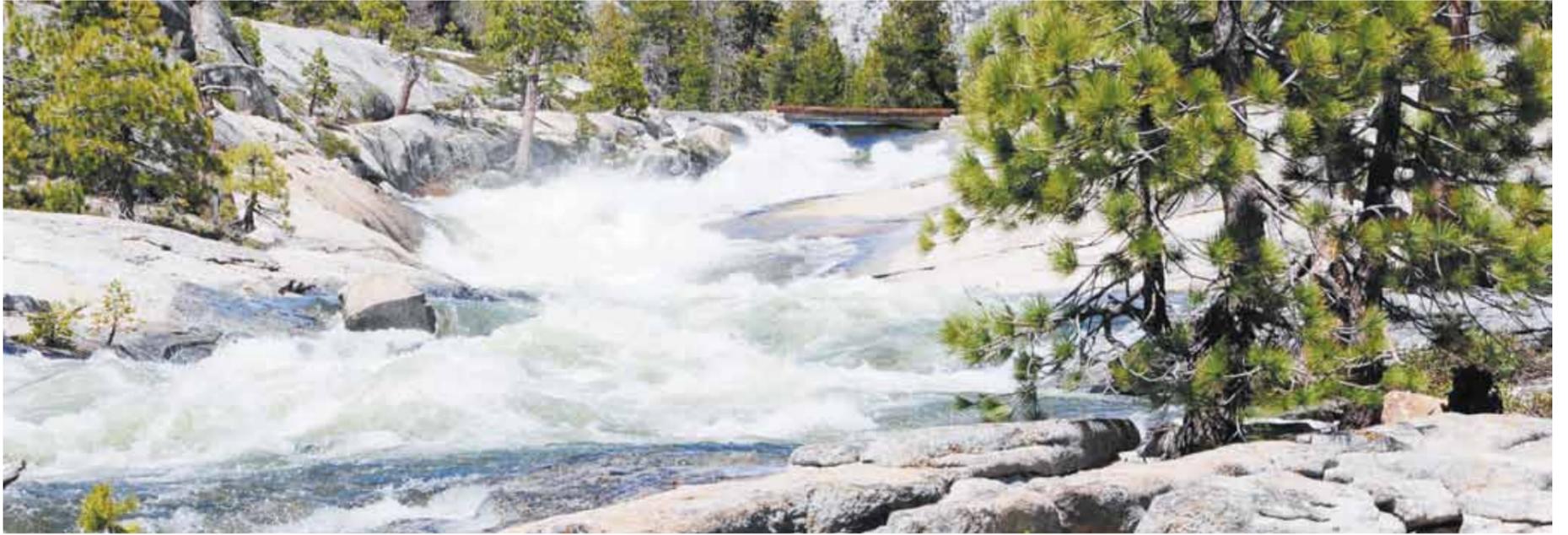
The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

Top Left: Hikers. Photo by Bob Roney

Top Right: Hikers. Photo by Bob Roney

Walking on the Wild Side

Sharon Miyako



Vernon Lake Outlet, Photo by Dov Bock

Met Yosemite Falls during its peak season in late spring: 2,400 gallons of water hurtling over a cliff every single second. Now meet your every day showerhead: 2.5 gallons per minute (maybe even less). It is a comparison of the spectacularly unique and the everyday commonality. The power and immensity of waterfalls along with the wild rivers in Yosemite pull people to visit the park, particularly in the spring and early summer season. The raging waterfalls, the clarity of the water, the comforting gurgle of the smaller creeks and streams all draw visitors to trails, as well as beaches close to these sights and sounds. We long to be close to the water, hiking, picnicking, wading, rafting, and simply sitting close to its presence. Just like Yosemite Falls is not something you would find in a bathroom at home, water encounters in Yosemite are very different from a leisurely stroll next to a pond in a city park or a swimming

pool in a friend's backyard. Swift and hugely powerful currents lie beneath the surface of Yosemite rivers. Even the lightest layer of water from river spray or rain can turn river rocks into surprisingly slippery stones, making moving off trail near waterfalls and rivers treacherous. The majority of water accidents occur as people are drawn closer to the water for photo opportunities, to play around on rocks,

enjoyable Yosemite experience. With an April 1st snow survey showing 178% of average snow pack, water will be making itself known even far from main rivers in the form of late lingering snow and fast moving seasonal creeks.

While hiking on higher elevation designated trails, good map reading and compass skills may be even more important than usual with late snow obscuring the obvious way to travel.

The same power and wildness that draws us close to waterfalls and rivers, to the top of mountain peaks, and along meandering trails, is the same power and wildness that can be a threat. This is not a walk in your backyard, and that's the very reason you are here. Explore the Yosemite Valley created by water. Stand with water at the Lower Yosemite Fall footbridge, and walk with water on the trail at Happy Isles. Explore the



to boulder hop, or even just to dip hands and toes in the water. Adventurously Yosemite's water and landscape, and keep a few details in mind to keep yourself and group safe along the way. Staying on designated trails can help keep you safe while exploring Yosemite's water as well as other parts of the park. These trails serve as both guide and protector, keeping you clear of known hazards while bringing you to scenic points, and protecting the landscape you are here to enjoy. Even on designated trails and seemingly away from water, staying alert and aware of your surroundings is key for an

Be extremely cautious and aware of potential stream crossings, as the heavy snow pack will mean very swift, and very cold streams. Some seasonal streams may not show up on maps. Even if streams appear shallow, they can be very fast moving, and often directly lead to treacherous waters downstream. Do not use a snow bridge to cross a creek unless you can see that the water below the bridge is very slow moving and very shallow. Being flexible with plans and willing to turn back from snow and water obstacles will be key for safety during the spring and early summer months of 2011.

trails leading far from the cars and roads in the park. But explore, stand, and walk with respect, alertness, and awareness of the power behind water and the wilderness.

Photo, left Yosemite Search and Rescue staff member training for swiftwater rescue in the Merced River, NPS Photo

Photo, center Search and Rescue staff gets a safety briefing before boarding the park's helicopter, photo by David Pope

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's future

Enhance the Visitor's Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at:

www.anseladamsgallery.com.



DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure. For

more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at: www.YosemitePark.com



Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the non-profit formed by a merger of the Yosemite Association and The Yosemite Fund. The Conservancy has a long history in Yosemite with over 100 years of combined experience supporting the park. Yosemite Conservancy can make the difference you see around you because we are the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to Yosemite.

Our mission remains the same: Providing for Yosemite's future is our passion. We inspire people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite

National Park's resources and enrich the visitor experience.

The Yosemite Conservancy has funded over 300 projects through 60 million in grants to help preserve and protect the park. The work of the Conservancy can be found in every aspect of the visitor experience from trail restoration, bear-proof lockers, wilderness permits, wildlife preservation, outdoor education and so much more. Annually the Yosemite Conservancy recruits over 400 volunteers to work in the park to repair trails, remove invasive species, and provide visitor information.

For more information, visit park bookstores or go online at:

www.yosemiteconservancy.org



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Yosemite Institute

Since 1971, thousands of school-age children have benefited from learning in "nature's classroom" through the residential field-science programs offered by Yosemite Institute (YI). A YI experience strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world—whether it is in Yosemite, on a city street or in our own backyards. YI also offers professional development for teachers, summer youth programs, backpacking adventures, community outreach programs and service learning projects. For more information, visit www.yni.org/yi.



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Send email comments and questions about the Yosemite Guide to YOSEGuide@nps.gov

Want to get involved?

Join park and partner staff to learn about projects and plans at a free monthly public Open House! Open Houses will be held at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium on:

May 25, 1-4 pm, MRP Recreation Workshop, Valley Auditorium

June 29, 1-4 pm, Open House, Valley Auditorium

The workshop and scheduled presentations at the open house will also be available via webinar at yose.webex.com **Park fees are waived for those attending.**

For more information, visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/yose.

Take the bus! Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS), recently added additional runs between El Portal and Yosemite Valley for the upcoming visitor season. YARTS provides bus service along the Highway 140 corridor from Merced to Yosemite Valley carrying park visitors and park employees. The service is designed to reduce private vehicles entering and exiting the park on a daily basis. The added runs, originating from Cedar Lodge in El Portal, begin daily at 8:00 a.m. This extended YARTS schedule will stop at all normally scheduled shuttle stops along Highway 140 between Cedar Lodge and Yosemite Valley and will run through September 9, 2011